

## TEACHERS' PENSION LAW HERE URGED BY SCHOOL BOARD HEAD

Henry P. Blair Tells Monday Evening Club Legislation Must Be Passed Soon.

### MANY FACING RETIREMENT

Women Who Have Taught For Years May Be Forced Out In Near Future.

Unless a retirement system soon is effected for Washington school teachers, the Board of Education will find it necessary to retire, without pensions, scores of teachers long in the service, for whom retirement will mean great hardship and perhaps actual want.

This announcement was made by Henry P. Blair, president of the Board of Education, last evening before the Monday Evening Club, when he made an earnest plea for the aid of that association in helping to bring about what he said was the most urgent need of the school system, a teachers' retirement law.

Hundreds of teachers now are being retained in the system, he explained, who have served the schools long and well, in the hope that some pension plan will be devised in time for them to take advantage of it.

**Problem Becomes Acute.**

"But the problem has become so acute," Mr. Blair said, "that within a short time consideration for the pupils must outweigh the consideration for those teachers of long and honorable service who have given their lives to the schools of Washington."

Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, told of the needs of the night schools. In response to a question about the medical inspectors in schools, Mr. Blair later hinted that the Board of Education had included in the estimates for the coming year a provision for the employment of a physician who shall give his entire time to school work.

For many years a teachers' retirement fund Mr. Blair said, "has been growing more serious each year. It is now, but they were not always that way. It is all right to talk about saving money, but the day of the teachers was barely sufficient for their living needs, it was impossible to save money. Consequently it would mean, for many teachers, a cruel hardship, to be separated from the system without some form of pension."

Thirty-four of the forty-eight States now have teachers' retirement laws of some sort. There is no reason why this city's government should any longer be allowed to stand in the way of some similar provision here. Other capitals, at other nations are endeavoring to lead the way in educational standards, but we are handicapped by the necessity in common humanity of carrying on the rolls teachers who ought, long ago, to have been retired."

At the very period when pupils demand a keen and alert mind for the moral and mental training," he went on, "we are compelled to place them in the hands of teachers who ought to be the beneficiaries of the city, instead of struggling on to go to school day by day."

These needs of the schools, Mr. Blair pointed out, are increased pay for certain classes of employees and teachers, especially those engaged in manual training work in the grades; an appropriation for school playgrounds, which would obviate the present system of excursions and entertainments; a fund to provide street car transportation free for those pupils who must go a long way from home to attend a typical night school, and a jump sum appropriation for the use of the Board of Education as emergencies arise.

**Need More Publicity.**

"Night schools here need more publicity," said Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, in telling of the needs of the night schools.

He described the various lines of work done in the night schools, and commended the economy which has been possible last year. Young people attend these schools, and study, and work, with gray-haired pupils. He pointed to one student where children and their grandparents both were enrolled in the same classes. The older people had come to the night school to read their Bibles, he said.

Mr. Thurston laid emphasis on the need for better service among the foreigners. There are some twenty thousand new citizens because of lack of funds. "I have a hope that, in time, the night schools will offer every opportunity offered by day schools," Mr. Thurston said. "The efficiency of a night school class is not hard to test. If the classes give pupils something they wish they will come; if not, the class will disintegrate itself, because they will stay away. The attendance at night schools is the best proof that we are giving these pupils something they wish, though we may not be giving them all we wish we could."

**Speakers Questioned.**

Walter S. Ufford, president of the Monday Evening Club, presided of the meeting. Dr. W. B. Patterson, supervising principal, who introduced the speakers. Following their talks they were asked questions. In the audience were Ernest P. Daniel and Mrs. Edith Kingston Kern, of the Board of Education. A welcome was extended to Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, a former president of the club, who has just returned, with Mr. Bicknell, from the war zone where he was directing relief work of the American Red Cross.

These were admitted to membership after the meeting: Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Harr, Miss Nettie B. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Clark, Rev. W. L. De Vries, Miss Ada A. Turner, Miss Annette Tanner, Miss Eliza Tonks, Miss Charlotte A. Van Doren, T. W. Walton, Miss E. P. White, Miss Clara Gann, Miss Grace B. Mead, Miss Anna Rochester, Sidney Roche, Miss Margaret Thompson, J. K. Hunter, Miss Clara E. Jones, Dr. Benjamin S. Warren and Edward E. Lydenmacher.

## Capital Has a Chubby War Baby From the Battle Fields of Russia

Alec, as He Is Called, Is One of Fifty-two at Washington Foundling Home.

### PLAN AN ENTERTAINMENT

For Four Hours Next Thursday the Little Ones Will Receive.

He is a chubby, pink-cheeked baby, sixteen or seventeen months old, and yet he looks Washington with the great war in Europe, possibly more closely even than the suave ambassadors and ministers who represent the nations that are striving for each other's deaths across the Atlantic.

He is Washington's only war baby. Alec, they call him (he is a Russian and was named after the Czar Alexander), and he lives with the rest of the family at the Washington Home for Foundlings.

Alec came into existence just a few weeks before the war began. His mother had come to this country to prepare a home for his father, who was serving in the Russian army, and who was to have obtained his discharge in October, 1914.

Alec's advent came almost simultaneously with the declaration of hostilities. And, as his mother was unable to keep him—she had to work, to save her pennies, that she might send them to her husband so that he could join her here—she placed him in the home. There he stayed, while his little mother worked and worked, and saved and saved.

**Father Goes To War.**

And then came the news—Alec's father had gone to war—to take up the cause of the Serbians with his peasant brethren. The little mother was desolate; the little home that she had dreamed of was not to be, for some time at least, but she only worked all the harder.

She thought, of course, that the war would soon be over—who is there so brave that he dare oppose the czar?—and she was preparing for the day when, with the dawn of peace, her husband would come to her.

But peace did not come. Neither did her husband, and she could get no news of him.

Dark days followed for the little Russian girl, she worked, but she was working for the boy, Alec, her life. She visited the embassies here, she went to the various officials; all were sorry, but none knew of her husband—he was simply one of the tiny atoms fed into the machine for Mars' merciless sport.

But last week she received a letter. Alec, Big Alec, the little war baby's father, had been taken prisoner early in the war and had been a prisoner in Germany ever since—disconsolate but whole.

**Tea Next Thursday.**

Alec is only one of the fifty-two little fellows who want to entertain you at the tea at the Washington Home for Foundlings Thursday from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Miss M. Amelia Schott, the superintendent, who is inviting you too—but she is only incidental; at the home she is the mother of the biggest family in town, but at the tea the babies are to be the hosts and hostesses.

The babies want you to come and see them, and to see how they are cared for. The babies are cared for only in real homes of the Alcotts.

The home is one of the most delightful places in Washington—if you can remember when you were young, or when your children were.

Miss Schott, the graduate nurse, who is superintendent, outlined the work in her office today, while two chubby youngsters tugged at her skirts and another played soldier with her visitor's stick. Let the story be told in her own words.

"This is not an institution—an asylum. It is really a home. As you can see, the children are allowed the freedom of the whole house—no, Bessie I haven't your other shoe."

**Offered As Substitute.**

"The babies that we receive here have been cheated out of their birthright of a mother and father, uncles and aunts, and a home—usually before their birth—and we try to give them as good a substitute as we can."

"We have nothing institutional here. The children aren't dressed alike, there are no rigid rules, and we try to love them in the old-fashioned way. We have a Montessori kindergarten here, and the rules of hygiene are strictly observed, but we are not modern in the generally accepted sense. We try to be one big family."

"I can't understand how these orphan asylums, with 300 and 400 inmates and possibly one nurse for every forty children, are run. We real women like to have a nurse, or mother, for every single one of them."

"That, of course, is impossible; but we do the best we can."

"And we want the people of Washington to come in and see us and help us. As I said, we have no institutional rules."

### Broadway Robbed

Of Motor Killing

Great Daro There, and Prostrate;

Car With 7 Whizzed;

Mean Cops on Job.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—While timid pedestrians stood at Forty-seventh street peering up and down Broadway for whizzing devil wagons, the Great Daro calmly walked into the street, threw off a bathrobe and, clad in raiment that displayed his pouter pigeon chest to best advantage, laid himself down on the east side of Broadway.

The Great Daro is a wrestler, a contestant in the international tournament at Manhattan Opera House, but he was not so great when Zhyasko, a Pole, threw him in forty-nine seconds of one night. The Great Daro was about to add to his laurels by letting an automobile with seven men in it run over his chest.

The automobile sped from Forty-seventh street into Broadway and swept down on the Great Daro. Lesser strong men yelled; pale women shrieked; there was to be yet another automobile killing.

There was not. Patrolman Sullivan halted the buzz wagon; Patrolman Kelly yanked Daro to his feet and took him to the West Forty-seventh street station. There he was charged with disorderly conduct, attempted to injure himself, causing a crowd to collect, blocking traffic and a few minor offenses.



ALEC, Washington's First War Baby.

here; the home is open from 10 o'clock in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, and we are always glad to receive any one who wants to come in and mother the chicks. We would be glad to have them at other hours, but before 10 we are busy bathing and dressing the children, and after 4 we are just as busy bathing and undressing them.

**Will Show Washington.**

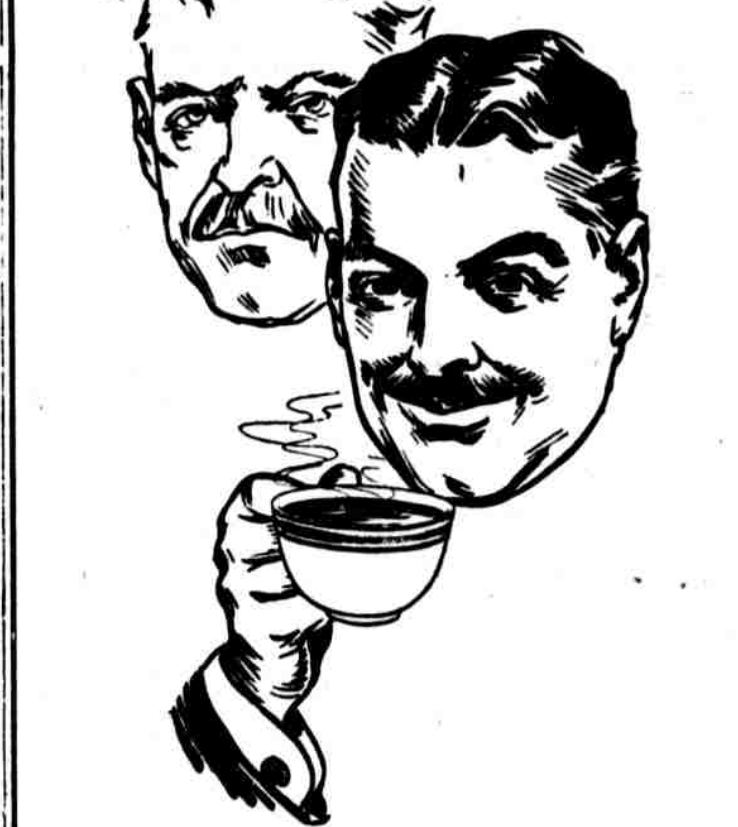
"It is principally for this reason that we are giving the tea Thursday: the people of Washington haven't yet learned what we are doing, and we want them to understand."

"Of course, most of the babies are foundlings, but we have plenty of others. You see, we are bound by no rules. If a mother dies and leaves a little baby, the husband can place it here and leave it until he is able to make another home. Or, if a father dies and the mother is unable to care for the child, it can be brought here."

"It is rather interesting to know that our mortality rate here is startlingly low. Although, because of the adverse conditions under which the children generally are received, the death rate is very high in most such homes, about 40 per cent or more, we can boast an average of only 5 per cent a year. And one year only 3 per cent of the babies died. I am told that the death rate is the lowest in the United States."

"But to carry on this work we need money—and that is another reason for this tea. So please try to get as many as possible to come."

"Now, Estelle and Bessie, and Herbert, tell the gentleman good-by—no, you mustn't ask him for a penny—good-by."



## Puts Another Face on It

Many a man jauntily takes his cup or two of coffee at a meal and declares that coffee doesn't hurt him!

But wait until the poisonous drug, caffeine, in the coffee begins to show its cumulative effects, and puts a different face on the proposition.

It's a fact anyone can verify, that caffeine hardens the arteries, brings on premature old age, and sallows and wrinkles the skin. Some of the signs are headache, irritability, biliousness, heart flutter, sleeplessness, dizziness, "fag," and so on.

The way out is to quit coffee, and for a pleasant, healthful beverage use

## INSTANT POSTUM

—the pure food-drink

This delightful beverage is made from finest wheat, roasted with a bit of wholesome molasses. Looks and tastes like high grade Java coffee, but contains no caffeine nor any other harmful substance.

Postum makes for health, happiness and vigor

"There's a Reason"

## Girl Elopers Relents And Weds Old Suitor

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 16.—Miss Sadie Jacobs, who eloped last week with Michael Abraham, a New York business man, and was brought back here after being apprehended at Scranton, was married yesterday to Louis Joseph, to whom she was engaged when she eloped.

Because of the elopement, Register H. H. Reister on Saturday refused Miss Jacobs and Joseph a marriage license, but objection was finally withdrawn.

## OUCH! LUMBAGO! RUB PAINS FROM SORE, LAME BACK

Rub Backache away with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, aches and twinges? Now listen! That's lumbago, sciatica or maybe from a strain, and you'll get relief the moment you rub your back with soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil." Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on your back and out comes the pain. It is harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Limber up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" from any drug store, and after using it just once, you'll forget that you ever had backache, lumbago, sciatica, because your back will never hurt or cause any more misery. It never disappoints and has been recommended for sixty years.—Adv.

**To Get Rid of Wrinkles and Bad Complexions**

It is more important now than during the period of profuse perspiration, to keep the pores clean. All cosmetics clog the pores. In cool weather this interferes very badly with elimination of waste material, injuring instead of aiding the complexion. Ordinary mercerized wax serves all the purposes of creams, powders and rouges giving far better results. It actually peels off an offensive skin, at the same time unclogging the pores. Minute particles of dirt, grease, etc., come off day by day, causing not the least pain or discomfort. Gradually the healthy, younger skin beneath peels out, and in less than a fortnight you have a lovelier complexion than you ever dreamed of acquiring. Mercerized wax bathes the face in this daily for awhile; every line will vanish completely. Even the first application gives surprising results.—Adv.

## HELENA, MD., VICTIM HELPED WONDERFULLY

F. E. Reeder Thinks Remedy Is Worth Weight In Gold.

F. E. Reeder, of Helena, Md., took May's Wonderful Remedy for disorders of the digestive tract. He had tried many remedies and was skeptical. The very first dose of this treatment convinced him.

The results were astonishing. Mr. Reeder wrote:

"My remedy has helped me wonderfully. I have told a lot of people about your medicine and how it has helped me. It is worth its weight in gold. I will never be without it in my home."

May's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist how and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—Adv.

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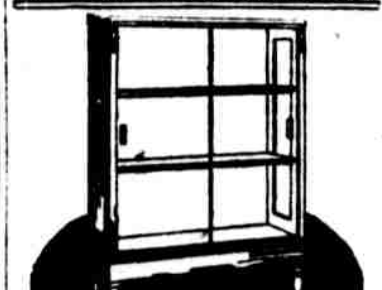
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## THE BEAUTIFUL NEW WAY Clear Vision Dustless Doors

Macey Tuscan Bookcases have fine proportions and all glass doors.

They also possess these practical advantages:

Dustless doors save the labor of removing books to dust.

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Macey Tuscan Bookcases sold exclusively by us in this city.

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## Irregular Opening For Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The stock market opened irregular today, traders showing some hesitation in initial trading. Prices gained fractionally in early trading. Baldwin Locomotive lost 1/4 overnight, opening at 119 1/2. United States Steel opened 1/4 down at 90 1/2.

## Evangelist Baker Ends Special Services Here

Evangelist E. H. Baker, of Washington, Pa., has completed a month's campaign at the Rhode Island avenue church, leaving at the close of last night's lecture. It is estimated that nearly 400 went forward under his invitations during the campaign in this city.

**LOW PRICE**

**SANITARY**

55 Stores One Near Your Home

Standard Tomatoes, can. 7/10c	Shae Peg Corn, can. 10c
Blue Ridge Corn, can. 7/10c	Country Gentleman Corn, can. 10c
Silver Label Peas, can. 8c	Paris Sugar Corn, can. 12/10c
Meadow Lark Peas, can. 8c	Peaches, Regina, can. 12/10c
Red Boy Salmon, can. 15c	Peaches, sliced, No. 1 can. 10c
Argo Salmon, can. 15c	Blue Jay Peas, can. 10c
Shrimp (dry pack), can. 10c	Mooshead Peas, can. 12/10c
Beardsley's Codfish, pkg. 9c	Jockey Club Peas, can. 15c
Del Monte Asparagus Tips, 10c	Red Clover Pumpkins, can. 12c
Banquet Asparagus, 17/10c	Gold Bar Pineapple, can. 20c
Wagner's Beans, 5c, 9c & 12c	Silver Bar Pineapple, can. 15c
Green Lima Beans, No. 1	Van Camp's Spaghetti, No. 1, can. 7/10c
Red Clover, can. 10c	Van Camp's Spaghetti, No. 2, can. 12/10c
Green Lima Beans, No. 2	Vegetables, for Soup, can. 8c
Green Lima Beans, can. 10c	Sauerkraut, can. 8c
Schriber's, can. 10c	
Superior Brand Beets, can. 10c	
Red Clover Beets, can. 15c	

## EXTRA SPECIALS THIS WEEK

Virginia Cornmeal 1-pk. bags, per bag 25c

Peanut Brittle—special this sale, box 11c

The same well known brand we always sell.

Havener's Special Soda Crackers Regular 10c seller, this sale, per lb. 7 1/2c

Black and White Matches Special, this sale, doz. boxes 12c

Standard retail price over the country is 20c

Washington Corn Crisps 4 pkgs. for 25c

Black-Eyed Peas New crop, per lb. 5c

Sanitary Brand Grape Juice, Per Quart. 20c

The lowest price ever made. Positively guaranteed to be as good as any brand on the market. Per Pint. 11c Per 1/2 Pint. 7c

**OLEOMARGARINE Majestic Brand Uncolored**

We recommend "Majestic Brand" as being the very best quality that is produced. Many people who do not want it for table use find it a perfect substitute for butter for all cooking purposes.

We have cut the price deep for this week only—per lb. 18 1/2c

White Potatoes, pk. 22c	Winesap Apples, pk. 40c
Sweet Potatoes, pk. 25c	Grimes' Golden Apples, pk. 40c
Fancy Grapefruit, 3 for 25c	Cooking Apples, pk. 23c
Sanitary Butter, lb. 34c	Quaker Oats, pkg. 8c
Green Bag Coffee, lb. 22c	Sanitary Oats, pkg. 7 1/2c

Eagle Milk, 2 cans for 25c	Ivory Soap, 10c size 7c
Challenge Milk, can. 10c	Fels Soap, 4c
Pet Milk, tall. 8c	White Naphtha Soap, 4c
Pet Milk, small. 4c	Star Soap, cake 4c
Peerless Milk, tall. 8c	LENOX SOAP, Proctor & Gamble's biggest selling 5-cent brand of soap—Special reduced price at all 3c
Peerless Milk, small. 4c	Every housewife should investigate this Lenox Soap proposition.
Blue Label Catsup, 15c size 13c	
Blue Label Catsup, 25c size 20c	
Blue Label Chili Sauce, small 15c	
Blue Label Chili Sauce, large 24c	

Sun Maid Raisins, pkg. 10c

Perfection Mince meat, 12-oz. tins, each. 9c

This year we are not handling mince meat in open pails. We prevail on the manufacturers to pack it in the sealed tin container, and when you open the can in your kitchen you know that the contents are clean and free from the dust and dirt incident to handling it in open pails.

"None Such" Condensed Mince meat, per pkg. 9c

Citron, fancy stock, per lb. 19c

Recleaned Currants, pkg. 15c

Apple Cider, best products, per gal. 22c

Gallon jug cost you 10 cents—money refunded on return of empty jug.

Crisco 23c, 45c, & 88c

Pure Lard, per lb. 12c

Weason's Oil, per can. 22c

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All the numerous savings in the manufacturing and marketing of "Pride" flour go to you in the reduced prices.

6-lb. Bag 20c	12-lb. Bag 39c	24-lb. Bag 75c
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